

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:
a game result display device for displaying a game result thereon;
a beneficial state generating device for generating a beneficial state for a player when a predetermined game result is displayed on the game result displaying device;
and
an abnormality notification device for notifying an abnormality occurrence when an abnormality occurs;
wherein the abnormality notification device notifies information concerning with the abnormality in plural times according to stages of restoration work from an abnormal state to a normal state and
the information concerning the abnormality is displayed in an effect display area portion of the game result display device in a repeating series of information text messages with a subsequent one of the information text messages being at least substantially superimposed on an immediately preceding information text message such that a first information text message indicates the abnormality has occurred and a second information text message provides a removal procedure for removing the cause of the abnormality.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the abnormality notification device repeatedly notifies the information.

4. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the abnormality notification device changes the information concerning with the abnormality according to progress in the restoration work of the abnormality or lapse of a predetermined time.

5. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the abnormality notification device notifies predetermined information concerning with the abnormality based on a predetermined operation

6. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1, further comprising:

an abnormality occurrence history storing device for storing a predetermined history of the information concerning with the abnormality:

wherein the abnormality notification device changes a notifying mode of the information based on the predetermined history of the information stored in the abnormality occurrence history storing device.

7. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the game result display device is constructed from a first display device and a second display device which is arranged in front of the first display device when seen from a front side of the gaming machine, and

wherein the abnormality notification device displays the information concerning with the abnormality on the second display device.

8. - 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a game result display device for displaying a game result thereon;

a beneficial state generating device for generating a beneficial state for a player when a predetermined game result is displayed on the game result displaying device; and

an abnormality notification device for notifying abnormality occurrence when an abnormality occurs; and

an abnormality occurrence history storing device for counting a number of times of the abnormality occurrence and storing information concerning with the number of times of the abnormality occurrence;

wherein the abnormality notification device notifies the information in plural times, and

wherein the number of times of the abnormality occurrence is classified into at least a first group and a second group, and the first group corresponds to a first notifying mode and the second group corresponds to a second notifying mode, and

wherein the abnormality notification device notifies the abnormality through the first notifying mode when the number of times of the abnormality occurrence belongs to the first group and notifies the abnormality through the second notifying mode when the number of times of the abnormality occurrence belongs to the second group,
~~changes a notifying mode of the information based on the information stored~~ stored in the abnormality occurrence history storing device.

16. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 15, wherein the abnormality notification device repeatedly notifies the information.

17. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 15, wherein the abnormality notification device changes the information concerning with the abnormality according to progress in restoration work of the abnormality or lapse of a predetermined time.

18. (New) The gaming machine according abnormality notification device notifies predetermined information concerning with the abnormality based on a predetermined operation.

19. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 15, further the game result display device is constructed from a first display device and a second display device

which is arranged in front of the first display device when seen from a front side of the gaming machine, and

wherein the abnormality notification device displays the information concerning with the abnormality in the second display device.